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The Montana Association of Counties (MACo) publishes this **weekly** bulletin containing summary descriptions of bills of interest to local government officials. **Each issue lists only the bills that have been introduced during the week. Please save this message or print it for future reference.**

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Please be sure to call, fax, or e-mail your support for our bills if you cannot attend the hearings. Also, a number of our bills have been passed out of committee and through on the floor. Don't forget to thank your Legislators for their support; they need to hear from you!

Scheduled Hearings

House and Senate Local Government Committees will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3:00 p.m.

*MACo Bill

Monday, February 12

	<u>Room #</u>	<u>Time</u>
HB 9 Cultural and aesthetic grants	Room 350	8:00 a.m.
HB 37 Weed control on state land	Room 102	Upon ADJ
HB 146 Expand class III gambling on reservations	Room 172	9:00 a.m.
HB 385 Authorize funding of transportation systems with revenue bonds	Room 455	3:00 p.m.
HB 546 Revise local authority to alter speed limits	Room 455	3:00 p.m.
HB 573 Revise land use planning laws	Room 137	3:00 p.m.
HJ 26 Study mental health issues in criminal and juvenile justice systems	Room 137	9:00 a.m.
*SB 364 Revise replacement of county commissioner when no quorum possible	Room 335	3:00 p.m.
SJ 5 Study acute care and rural emergency medical services	Room 317A	3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 13

HB 65 Revise uninsured employer's subsequent injury fund-increase dept. inspect. auth.	Room 422	9:00 a.m.
HB 424 Revise law on rec use of water/comm'n duty re marking, impact, leg report	Room 152	3:00 p.m.
HB 501 Revise assessment and taxation of certain property improvements	Room 152	8:00 a.m.
HB 529 Increase business equipment tax exemption and reduce tax rate	Room 152	8:00 a.m.
*HB 582 Interim zoning for counties	Room 172	3:00 p.m.
HB 585 Additional duties for county commissioners	Room 137	8:00 a.m.
SB 301 Authorize bond issuance for historic preservation	Room 335	3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 14

HB 76	Revise and clarify administrative procedures and appeals for human rights laws	Room 422	9:00 a.m.
HB 401	Revise laws relating to water and wastewater treatment plant operators	Room 472	3:00 p.m.
HB 556	Allow special fuel user to use dyed fuel under certain conditions	Room 455	3:00 p.m.
HB 567	Montana safety corridor act	Room 455	3:00 p.m.
HB 578	Revise bonding authority and volume cap	Room 455	8:00 a.m.
SB 246	Include ambulance services under medical providers able to establish lien	Room 317A	3:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 15

HB 111	Revise unemployment insurance laws	Room 422	9:00 a.m.
SB 160	Use of senior and disability transportation funds as matching funds	Room 335	3:00 p.m.
SB 325	Restrict submission of zoning proposals	Room 335	3:00 p.m.
SB 349	Conservation district representation on certain city-county planning boards	Room 335	3:00 p.m.

Friday, February 16

SB 387	Cancer screening disclosure for insurance companies	Room 317A	3:00 p.m.
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Projected Session Calendar

Please note: Leadership holds the authority to further revise the schedule, including the days the Legislature meets and the proposed breaks.

Introduction deadlines: Generally, bills and resolutions must be introduced within 2 legislative days after delivery. JR 40-50, H40-10.

"General bills" is used to denote all bills, except appropriation or revenue bills, and all joint resolutions.

Notes: Deadline dates are determined according to legislative days, using a 6-day legislative week.

Certain bills and resolutions relating to administrative rules may be transmitted at any time during the session. JR 40-200(3).

Feb 17:	Last Day for Committee to Request General Bills
Feb 28:	Transmittal of General Bills to Other Chamber
March 1-4:	Transmittal Break
March 21:	Transmittal of Revenue Estimating Joint Resolutions
March 23:	Last Day for Committee to Request Revenue Bills
March 29:	Transmittal of Appropriation Bills
April 3:	Transmittal of Revenue Bills
April 5:	Transmittal of Amendments to General Bills
April 6-8:	Break
April 10:	Last day to request Study Res. or Comm. Bills to implement HB2
April 16:	Transmittal of amendments to Appropriation Bills
April 18:	Transmittal of amendments to Revenue Bills and Revenue Est. Jnt. Res.
April 21:	Transmittal of Interim Study Resolutions
April 27:	Session Adjourns; Sine Die

MACo Resolutions/Legislation

<u>#</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Res. #</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>As Of</u>
HB 12	Generally revise county attorney salaries and prosecution services	2006-23	Tim Callahan	(H) Hearing	1/12
HB 27	Establish wireless enhanced 9-1-1 system	2006-12	Robyn Driscoll	(H) Hearing	1/08
HB 47	Revise size of parcel for disposal of household or agricultural waste	2006-07	Dave Gallik	Tabled in Committee	1/26
→ →				(H) Agriculture	
HB 49	Require study of local government special purpose districts	2006-02	Robin Hamilton	2 nd Reading Passed	1/26
→ →				Referred to Committee (H) Appropriations	
HB 92	Modernize public health laws	2006-36	Eve Franklin	(H) Hearing	1/15
HB 96	Fund veteran cemetery maintenance	2006-22	Krayton Kerns	(H) Hearing	1/29
HB 174	Revise reimbursement of counties for detention costs	2000-25	Carol Lambert	2 nd Reading Passed	2/02
→ →				Referred to Committee (H) Appropriations	
HB 206	Revise county mill levy elections	2006-04	Pat Ingraham	Referred to Committee	1/23

→ →				(S) State Administration	
HB 207	Revise time of oath of office for county officials	2006-17	Pat Ingraham	Referred to Committee	1/19
→ →				(S) State Administration	
HB 253	Eliminate county election requirement for construction of certain bridges	2006-19	John W. Ross	(H) Hearing	1/23
HB 269	Revise weed laws	2006-03	John W. Ross	(S) Bill Concurred as Amended	2/08
HB 314	Clarify appointment authority for airport authorities	2006-13	Llew Jones	Tabled in Committee	2/07
→ →				(H) Local Government	
HB 360	Prohibit use of nonwood bats in competitive nat'l youth league baseball games	2006-38	Bill McChesney	(H) Hearing	2/06
HB 364	Establish board and fund to compensate livestock owners for wolf predation	2006-21	John Brueggeman	(H) Revised Fiscal Note Printed	2/09
HB 369	Increase county borrowing limit	2006-26	JP Pomnichowski	Referred to Committee	2/07
→ →				(S) Local Government	
HB 370	Uniform penalty and enforcement for zoning violations	2004-28	JP Pomnichowski	Tabled in Committee	2/06
→ →				(H) Judiciary	
HB 426	Eliminate limit on county road and bridge depreciation reserve funds	2006-16	John W. Ross	(H) Hearing	1/30
HB 428	Revise junk vehicle laws	2006-05	Dave Gallik	Scheduled for 3 rd Reading	2/09
HB 541	Youth employment program	2006-14	John L. Musgrove	(H) Fiscal Note Printed	2/08
HB 551	Pre-commitment evaluation for mental illness	2006-34	Arlene Becker	(H) Hearing	2/20
HB 561	Revise county bonding authority	2006-26	John L. Musgrove	(H) Introduced; First Reading	2/03
HB 582	Interim zoning for counties	2006-06	Mike Jopek	(H) Hearing	2/13
SB 21	Allow counties to establish and fund veteran's cemeteries	2006-22	Lane L. Larson	Transmitted to House	1/10
SB 78	Clarify stream access from bridges	2004-11	Lane L. Larson	Scheduled for 2 nd Reading	2/09
SB 146	Juvenile delinquency disincentive program	2006-20	Jim Shockley	Transmitted to House	1/26
SB 155	Older American's trust law	2006-08	Carol Williams	(S) Hearing	1/24
SB 270	Revise filing deadline for independent candidates, minor parties	2006-29	Lane L. Larson	(S) Hearing	2/02
SB 308	Revise road levy election law	2004-04	Jim Peterson	Scheduled for 2 nd Reading	2/09
SB 341	Biennial selection of certain contractors by counties	2006-33	Dave Lewis	(S) Hearing	2/09
SB 358	Allow any election to be conducted by mail	2006-11	Lane L. Larson	(S) Hearing Canceled	2/02
SB 364	Revise replacement of county commissioner when no quorum possible	2006-35	Bob Story	(S) Hearing	2/12
LC0088	Older Montanan's trust fund	2006-08	Cynthia Hiner	Draft on Hold	10/17
LC1156	Plan for mental health drop-in centers	2006-37	Arlene Becker	Draft on Hold	11/28
LC1158	Mental health services plan revision	2002-19	Arlene Becker	Draft on Hold	11/28
LC1503	County option for mail ballot elections	2006-11	Diane Sands	Draft Back for Redo	1/30
LC1545	Authorize county occupancy permits	2006-27	JP Pomnichowski	Draft on Hold	1/26
LC1560	Amend county advertising requirements	2006-15	Holly Raser	Draft on Hold	1/15
LC1767	Exempt certain local government property transactions from appraisal	2006-30	Kelly Gebhardt	Draft Request Received	12/05

County Administration

HB 487	Revise threshold for local government audit
HB 489	Revise planning and zoning to accommodate solar energy and devices
HB 512	Fund certain local government infrastructure projects
HB 524	Revise city or town incorporation laws
HB 535	County regulation of fireworks
HB 585	Additional duties for county commissioners
SB 339	Revise laws governing annexation and expansion of municipalities
SB 398	Require gravel resource report
SB 427	Restrictions on outdoor lighting

Courts, Justice, Public Safety

HB 472	Appropriate funding for drug courts
HB 514	Prohibit sex, contact between staff, etc of mental health facilities & residents
HB 554	Child passenger safety violation as primary offense
HB 563	Testing of bodily fluids for pathogens
HJ 26	Study mental health issues in criminal and juvenile justice systems
SB 382	Establish mental health courts
SB 389	Clarify peace officer arrest of alien violating federal criminal immigration law

Education

SB 396 Revise school funding formula to be based on educational relevant factors

Employment

HB 530 Require paid rest breaks for certain employees
HB 553 Injured worker choice of rehabilitation services
HB 565 Clarifying negligence principles in workplace safety act
SB 344 Revise definition of misconduct under unemployment insurance laws
SB 388 Revise unemployment law on mileage reimbursement exempt from wage definition

Health and Human Services

HB 365 Fund voluntary mental health screening and suicide prevention program
HB 406 Montana community health center support
HB 429 Revise medicaid funding principles
HB 497 Advance practice registered nurse authority to endorse disabled hunter permit
HJ 19 Urge facilitate access to health care information by families or HIPAA amendment
SB 387 Cancer screening disclosure for insurance companies

Land Use and Economic Development

HB 526 Revise territorial integrity act
HB 557 Revise criteria for zoning impact on sand, gravel, and asphalt operations
HB 573 Revise land use planning laws
HJ 14 Urge congressional revision of laws on sale of public property
HR 3 Encourage federal funding for highway construction
SB 369 Revise PSC jurisdiction over rural cooperatives
SB 383 Revise property laws
SB 406 Revise law on removal of signatures from petitions for predator levies
SB 419 Allow children to remain covered by parent's health insurance to age 26

Natural Resources; Environment

HB 401 Revise laws relating to water and wastewater treatment plant operators
HB 424 Revise law on rec use of water/comm'n duty re marking, impact, leg report
HB 509 Revise coal mining laws
HB 511 Promote and fund regional water systems
HJ 27 Interim study on controlling prairie dogs
SB 377 Challenge of certain water rights during adjudication
SB 391 Conservation easements on state land
SB 407 Authorizing emergency discharges of coal bed methane water

State Administration

HB 520 Generally revise election laws
HB 570 Special write-in absentee ballot for military and overseas electors
HB 578 Revise bonding authority and volume cap

Taxes, Fees, Revenues

HB 488 Study of property taxes
HB 499 Revise law on technology tax increment financing district
HB 501 Revise assessment and taxation of certain property improvements
HB 529 Increase business equipment tax exemption and reduce tax rate

HB 533	Increase coal board funding
HB 545	Tax credit for business waste and energy audit cost and implementation
HB 552	Real estate transfer tax
SB 403	Revise property tax exemption for disabled veterans
SB 418	Revise distribution of lodging facility use taxes

Transportation

HB 385	Authorize funding of transportation systems with revenue bonds
HB 546	Revise local authority to alter speed limits
HB 556	Allow special fuel user to use dyed fuel under certain conditions
HB 567	Montana safety corridor act
SB 380	Mandatory report of failed drug test for commercial vehicle driver
SB 384	Revise abandoned vehicle laws
SB 414	Clarify application of motor carrier law in certain cities and towns